

We're learning the Present Continuous!

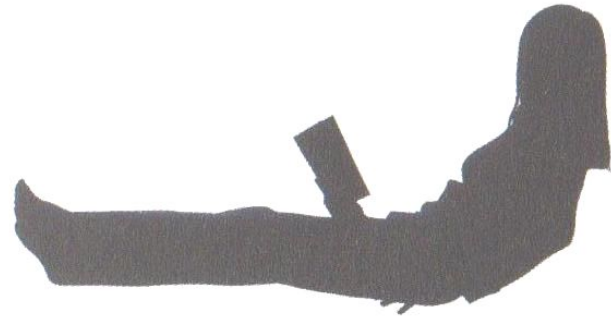


# What is she doing?

**She / read / book**



- She is reading the book.



- She's reading a book.



# What is he doing?

**He / listen /  
music**



- He is listening to music.



- He's listening to music.



# What are they doing?

**They / study**

- They are studying.
- They're studying.



# What are they doing?

They / work

- They are working.
- They're working.





# What are they doing?

They / learn /  
English



- They are learning English.



- They're learning English.



# What are we doing?

**We / smile**



- We're smiling!



# What am I doing?

I / type

- I'm typing.





# What are you doing?

**You / behave  
badly**

- You're behaving badly!



# Form



## Positive (+)

Subject + auxiliary (be) + verb +  
ing

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I am = I'm walking.

You are = You're reading.

He/She/It is = He's/She's/It's eating.

We are = We're laughing.

They are = They're shouting.



# Form



## Negative (-)

Subject + auxiliary (be) + **not** + verb

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+ **ing**

I'm

look**ing**.

You're

play**ing**.

He's/She's/It's

t talk**ing**.

We're

jump**ing**.

They're

climb**ing**.



# Form



## Interrogative (?)

Auxiliary (be) + subject + verb + **ing** +  
?

Am I dream**ing**?

Are you sleep**ing** ?

Is he/she/it fall**ing**?

Are we fly**ing**?

Are they drink**ing**?



# Rules

Some verbs drop  
the last -e:

Eg

write ⇒ writing

take ⇒ taking

bake ⇒ baking

dance ⇒ dancing

*but* see ⇒ seeing

Some verbs double  
the last letter:

Eg

sit ⇒ sitt**ing**

swim ⇒ swim**ming**

travel ⇒ trav**elling**

get ⇒ get**ting**

*but* open ⇒ open**ing**





# Rules

Verbs ending in  
**-ie**,  
drop the **-ie** + **-y** +  
**ing**

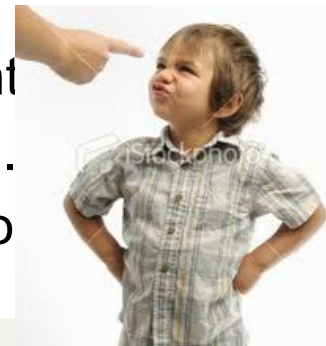
eg

- lie ⇒ **lying**
- die ⇒ **dying**

The verb 'be' is only  
used in the  
continuous to  
describe temporary  
behaviour.

eg

- He's being naughty
- She's being good.
- He's being an idiot



# Short questions & answers:

cry



Is the baby crying?  
Yes he is.  
He's crying.

cook



Is the man cooking?  
No, he isn't.  
He's playing the violin.

pla



do

Are the boys doing their homework?  
Yes they are!



# When?

1. A short activity, happening right now:



We're just looking!



# When?

## 2. A temporary (not usual) situation:



I usually drive  
to work  
but this week  
I'm walking.



# When?

3. A change or action we're in the middle of:



I'm  
getting a  
cold!





# When?

## 4. A future arrangement:



Sorry, got to go –.  
I'm meeting someone  
in half an hour.

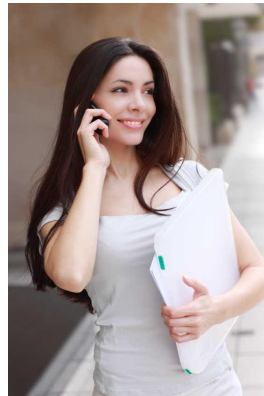


# Making future arrangements:

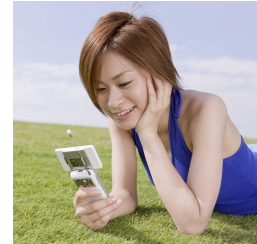
Are you free on Saturday?



Sorry / work  
Sorry / see /family  
Sorry / go / cinema /  
girlfriend



Sorry, I'm working.  
Sorry, I'm seeing my family.  
Sorry, I'm going to the cinema  
with my girlfriend.



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# Exceptions:



- Some verbs aren't usually used in the present continuous:
  - **Feelings** (hate, like, love, prefer, want, (wish)  
(**BUT** 'How are you feeling? I'm feeling happy')
  - **Mental states** (believe, feel, know, remember, mean, understand)
  - **Senses** (hear, see, sound, smell, taste)
  - **Also:** belong, include, contain



# Think . . . Hav



- The verbs **have** and **think** have a different meaning in the **simple** and **continuous**.
  - I **think** that's good. (**opinion**)
  - Wait a minute, I'm **thinking**. (**activity happening now**)
  - I **have** a car. (**possession**)
  - I'm **having** lunch. (**activity happening now**)



**and now  
we're  
saying  
'good-bye'!**

